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For : METHOD FOR CONTROLLING POSITION OF MEDICAL  
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Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO NON FINAL REJECTION OF July 8, 2005**

Dear Sir:

**Petition for 3 Month Extension:**

The Commissioner is respectfully petitioned for a 3 month extension of time. Authorization is hereby provided to charge the fee of \$1020 and any other fee required to preserve pendency to Deposit Account 10-0750/END838/GSG.

**Please amend the Application as set forth below and consider the Following Remarks:**

Amendments begin on Page 2.

Remarks begin on Page 7.